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2023 State Winter Championships Head to the North East With U18s in Wangaratta

Baseball Victoria's 2023 State Winter Championship season continues this weekend with the U18 tournament at Wangaratta Baseball Club.

North Eastern Baseball Association is excited to host the 2023 U18 State Winter Championship from 24-25 June after a successful event last year.

"Hosting the U18s carnival in Wangaratta is a great way to show we offer baseball in the North East and the future of our competition can play in front of their home crowds," NEBA Secretary Steph Odewahn said. "We are most looking forward to seeing competitive games of baseball played by the state's future stars."

Seven teams are taking part in this weekend's fun, with Bendigo, Dandenong, Geelong, Latrobe Valley, MWBL City West, MWBL Ringwood, and North Eastern all set to contest the title. Geelong won last year's U18 competition and will be looking to go back-to-back.

"The State Winter Champs are off to a great start and we can't wait for an action-packed weekend in Wangaratta," BV CEO Chet Gray said. "Thank you to North Eastern Baseball Association for all the support and we wish everyone the best of luck."

BV Diamond Partner [Field of View Sports Photography](#) will be around the grounds capturing team photos and action shots. Stay tuned for images!

Head to our [2023 State Winter Championships](#) hub for live scoring and follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) for the latest updates.

BV Diamond Partner Ausport Heads to U18 State Winter Championship

Our friends at [Ausport](#) will be making a special appearance at the U18 State Winter Championship in Wangaratta on Saturday! Make sure to stop by Targoora Park and visit Ausport's Hugo van from 8:30am to 2:30pm for all the latest baseball gear. You can check out [Ausport online](#) and on [Facebook](#), too.

2023 Barclay Cup Player Expressions of Interest Now Open

Baseball Victoria is pleased to open player expressions of interest for the 2023 Barclay Cup, which will take place at Carine Cats Baseball Club in Perth, WA from 1-7 October.

Victoria sent two teams to the inaugural event on the Gold Coast last year, with the Dingoes and Hornets making the most of their experience. This new national tournament for youth girls honours talented athlete and beloved baseballer Jacinda Barclay, who sadly passed away in 2020.

“The first-ever Barclay Cup was a big success for youth girls baseball in Australia, and we are honoured to once again offer this fantastic development opportunity to our junior girls,” BV CEO Chet Gray said. “With dedicated coaching staff and support from across the state and around the country, we know our youth women’s players will continue to develop their skills and thrive in the sport they love.”

The Barclay Cup program and trials will be conducted and organised by the BV Performance Pathway team, with Alan Sutherland and Sophia Stensholt confirmed as team head coaches. Trials will take place on Friday 28 July from 6-8:30pm at Melbourne Ballpark.

All female players who will be aged 13 to 16 by 31 August 2023 are eligible to participate. The price of attending the tournament is approximately \$2,500 per player. This price will include a uniform package for the players, flights, accommodation, meals, ground transport, tournament entry fee, and more.

View the [2023 Barclay Cup Info Pack](#) for more details and click [HERE](#) to register for this exciting opportunity.



[Baseball Victoria Launches New Canopi Coach Accreditation Platform](#)

Baseball Victoria is excited to launch the Canopi online system to streamline coaching accreditation management as we continue to grow our community of accredited coaches.

Coaches can use the [Canopi system](#) to track and complete Baseball Australia’s coach accreditation through the USA Baseball Certification Level A, B, and C courses.

All coaches, including assistant, club, head, and specialist coaches, can sign up to Canopi to complete accreditation requirements in line with BV coach education. Click [HERE](#) to read the full story and get signed up.

[BV Coaching Panel Expressions of Interest Now Open](#)

Baseball Victoria is calling for expressions of interest to join the BV Coaching Panel for the next two years as part of a new initiative aimed at increasing coaching opportunities in Victoria.

Those appointed to the panel will have opportunities to coach within the Victorian State Team and BV Performance Pathway programs and provide input into the development of state coaching curriculum.

Coaching panel appointments will run through 30 June 2025. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about this opportunity and apply by Friday 7 July.

Club News: BV Umpiring & Coaching Workshops – June 2023

Thank you to all the umpires who attended our BV Umpiring Workshop on Monday night at Melbourne Baseball Club. We had 25 umpires in attendance as we continued planning for a strong future with a united umpiring fraternity. We appreciate the valuable input and insight from past and current umpires and we look forward to finalising our BV Umpiring Blueprint for the Future soon.

We will also host the BV Coaching Workshop & Forum on Tuesday 27 June at Melbourne Baseball Club (6:30pm for a 7pm start). All coaches are invited to attend, including accredited and club coaches and those new to coaching. This session will include an overview of the Canopi coach accreditation system, coach education, and the BV Performance Pathway. Please [RSVP online](#).

Check out [BV umpire](#) and [coach resources](#) online.

Club News: Upcoming Events

Bellarine Bears Baseball Club is running an All-Abilities Clinic on Sunday 25 June from 11-12pm at Wallington Reserve. This come and try session is open to all ages and abilities.

North Western Titans Baseball Club is seeking a head women's coach for the 2023/24 season.

Learn more [HERE](#) and please feel free to send in any upcoming events or club news you would like to share. Thank you!

Baseball Training on BV TV

Take a look at BV Performance Pathway Prospects & Select training on the field and in the gym, plus many more videos on [BV TV](#), including [At-Home Baseball Training](#) and [Top Throwing Drills](#).

Don't forget to follow us on [Instagram](#) and [TikTok](#) for fun training clips and resources.



2023 Winter School Holiday Camps – Almost Sold Out!

We've had a great response to the 2023 BV Winter School Holiday Camps, with many dates selling out. There are limited spots left for the following sessions:

- All-Girls Winter School Holiday Camp: Wednesday 28 June, 10am-2pm at Melbourne Ballpark (10 to 15 year-old girls)
- Winter School Holiday Camp 2: Monday 3 July, 10am-2pm at Sandringham Baseball Club (9 to 11-year-olds)

Click [HERE](#) for more details and to get registered today.

Engaging Multicultural Women and Girls in Sport Forum

Thank you to Vicsport and CMSport for hosting a fantastic forum on engaging multicultural women and girls in sport. It was a privilege to hear from changemakers throughout the industry and discuss new opportunities with fellow grassroots sports.

We are looking forward to developing new initiatives in the future as we focus on our mission for all people to experience the joy of baseball in Victoria.

Head to the [Vicsport](#) and [Centre for Multicultural Youth](#) websites for great resources to help you learn more.



Baseball Victoria and Salesian College Sports Academy Team Up in New Partnership

As a reminder, Baseball Victoria has partnered with Salesian College Sports Academy in Chadstone, which plans to introduce a baseball program by Year 7, 2025, subject to student enrolment. Salesian also welcomes any Year 7-10 enrolments for next year who could still benefit from their Sports Academy.

We hope Salesian College will become a hub for secondary school students to pursue their academic and baseball goals in Melbourne's eastern suburbs.

Learn more about [Salesian College Sports Academy](#) and click [HERE](#) to book a tour.

Families interested in enrolling or who have already done so are encouraged to contact Sports Academy Coordinator Stephen Sellwood at ssellwood@salesian.vic.edu.au to ensure they are also complete a Sports Academy application.

SportsLink Travel – Expressions of Interest for Women’s World Cup

SportsLink is the official travel supplier for Baseball Victoria and the preferred travel partner for Baseball Australia. The travel management services company supports teams, athletes, and fans as they travel across Australia and the world.

Coming up this August, SportsLink invites you to support the Emeralds in their 2023 Group A World Cup tournament in Thunder Bay, Canada. Please see details below and contact brooke@sportslinktravel.com to express your interest.

SUPPORTER TOUR OPPORTUNITY – EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

  

Thunder Bay Canada

2023 WOMEN'S GROUP A BASEBALL WORLD CUP

6TH-14TH AUGUST 2023
Tournament Dates (8th-13th August)

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- ASIA 4**
-  **MÉXICO**

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[BV Supporter Gear By Fullhammer Now Available](#)

BV Supporter Gear is now available! Head to [our Fullhammer shop](#) to stock up on beanies, caps, bucket hats, and scarves from our official apparel partner. Learn more about Fullhammer merchandise [HERE](#).

[Australian Red Cross Lifeblood Teams Program](#)

After saving 200 lives last year through blood and plasma donations for Australian Red Cross Lifeblood, we hope to save even more lives in 2023. Our team has already saved 96 lives this year as we aim to top 300 – you can learn more about Lifeblood and join the BV Team [HERE](#).

[The BV Team](#)

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